



CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY

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Upcoming C&E Events

Sunday, May 12, Dr. Jeremiah Martin, will play the organ at the 10:00 a.m. service

Saturday, June 8, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., The Good Shepherd Thrift Store at Old Stone Church's Annual Tag Sale

Pentecost Sunday, June 9, one combined service at 9:00 a.m., followed by a special brunch

Sunday, June 23, 10:00 a.m. service, St. John the Baptist Day with the Masons

Local Events

Friday, May 24, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Tiffani's Teens Pasta Dinner at St. Georges at 33 Whitfield St, Guilford, CT

Saturday, June 1, Tiffani's Teens 5k Walk at Pine Grove School in Avon, CT

Saturday, August 3, 1:00 p.m., Bus Trip to Yankee Stadium

Vestry Summary

Susan Shultz

Missional Priest - We are blessed to have had a wonderful Easter season. Thanks to everyone for their participation! I am further blessed to announce that I have found the love of my life, Paulette Fanta Tolno, and am engaged to be married. Paulette currently lives in Guinea but will be moving to

the United States. I will be visiting her at the end of May.

Building & Grounds - We are looking to paint 47 Park Place, the garage and the windows/trim of the main church. Look to hear more from us for ways you can help with this small capital fundraising effort. The building continues to have plenty of rentals. Cleaning is still being done by volunteers and the organizations that use our building. Thank you to all who are pitching in. It's very much appreciated!

Spring Training - It was widely agreed that this year's ECCT Spring Training was a great success. Everyone came away inspired and with some new ideas to make Christ and the Epiphany a smoother running and even more spiritual, loving and fun place.



ECCT Spring Training Report

Susan Shultz

In April, the Episcopal Church in CT (ECCT) holds its annual Spring Training day. This is a day of workshops for all ECCT churches. We were fortunate that almost our entire Vestry was able to attend this year! We likely had one of the largest turnouts for a single

church. There were 308 attendees from 88 parishes around the state. Our group attended a total of 20 different workshops. Note that attendance is not limited to Vestry members so consider joining our group next year! Here is a summary from those who were able to go:

Wendy Bellmore -

"Meditation, Movement, and Music" were presented through a Yoga and meditation exercise, followed by a meditative humming that ended in song. We actually sounded like a choir! Very relaxing and a great way to start off the workshop day. The "Stephen Ministry" is a ministry of listening and friendship that is different from the Parish Visitor or Healing Prayer roles. Trained Stephen ministers are assigned to a hurting, grieving or distressed person in need of talking through the difficulty they might be facing. Lastly, I attended the "Religious Pilgrimage" workshop which gave an overview of the many sites of religious pilgrimage throughout the world, and across many different faiths. Emphasis given to the Anglican work being done in the Holy Land, building schools, supporting hospitals and empowering women.

Jan Cianelli - My first workshop talked about how bringing religion to children starts at home by helping parents have simple reading materials to read their children. "Making Church Fun and Building Community" showed us that we certainly do everything that the larger parishes do with far less funds and parishioners. I am SO proud of Christ and The Epiphany for all we do with so little! At the Youth Ministry workshop, I was hoping to find ways to get more youths involved but that was not the focus of the workshop. However, I did get some ideas we could move forward with once we confirm we have the resources to do so!

Rev. Charles Kamano - I attended three workshops: 1) Morning Prayer; 2) Vestry; and 3) Living Community. The Vestry workshop captured my attention the most. I learned that Vestry is Mission-focused in the Episcopal Church. Serving as a Vestry member is an *"important, challenging, rewarding, and fulfilling work, which requires a vast array of skills and abilities from a diverse group of people who are faithful, committed, and open to the Spirit."* Each Vestry member is a steward of God's Mission within and outside the Parish. It is a commitment to sharing one's gifts and talents for the advancement of God's Mission (Cor. 12:4-12 NRSV). It was also enriching for me to learn about a variety of realities from other Parishes within the ECCT.

Carol Link-Ude - In the "Lay Leadership" workshop I

learned something new - i.e. the importance of mentoring others in the congregation to assume leadership positions. This would make a smooth transfer of responsibility from one leader to another.

Barbara Parsons - Spring training inspired and encouraged me to be an effective leader. Two of my workshops "Pathways to Prayer" and "The Soul: A User's Manual" encouraged me spiritually. My third workshop "Vestry 301" was helpful in showing me ways to better encourage good communication practices. It was a great day for fun and fellowship.

Susan Shultz - "Digital Media and Marketing" gave me some great ideas on ways to enhance our communication both in and outside of the church. The Stewardship workshop was also inspiring. Lastly, I am pleased to report that we only missed one of the Financial Good Practices Merit Badges and only because our 2017 audit was late.

Diane Villano - The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas was a former seminary professor and it was an educational joy to attend his workshop on Morning Prayer. He thoroughly explained the flow of the service in the Book of Common Prayer and explained much of the obscure terminology. With some encouragement, I might one day be persuaded to lead Morning Prayer. Of immediate value to me was the workshop "The Foyer Has Moved: Welcoming & Inviting People to Your Church in the Digital Age". I filled an entire

Church Life in Photos

Palm Sunday
April 14

"We don't read palms,
we wave them,"



Church Life in Photos

Easter Sunday,
April 21
“Give thanks for the
Lord is risen!”



page with the presenter’s tips on welcoming people to Christ and The Epiphany online, including a website, Facebook page, Yelp, and other social media venues. We’re already using some of these approaches, but we can do more, and the Communications Commission will be exploring new ways to use the internet to facilitate connections. (Advertising alert!) Anyone interested in joining us as digital disciples is welcome to attend our next meeting, May 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Pentecost Sunday, June 9

After a combined worship service at 9:00 a.m., we will celebrate this special day, representing the birth of the Christian church, with a brunch, which will replace our usual annual picnic. The signup sheet for main dishes and sides is posted in the Great Hall. (And wear red!)

Bible Study

Please join us to read and discuss God’s Word, Sunday at 9:00. Upcoming topics include:

May 12 - Comparing and Contrasting the Synoptic Gospels with John

May 19 - Acts

May 26 - Memorial Weekend no Bible Study

June 2 - Acts

June 9, Pentecost Sunday - one combined service at 9:00 a.m., no Bible study

Contact Wendy Bellmore for any questions.



The Episcopal Church

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry’s statement on the violence in Sri Lanka

April 23, 2019

The joy of Easter was mixed with grief following the dreadful attacks that morning on churches and hotels in Sri Lanka, bombings that left hundreds dead and wounded. Our hearts ache for the all those who mourn this week, and as Episcopalians join with countless persons of good will I’m praying for the power of love to overcome the forces of hatred and violence. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercies of God, Rest In Peace.



Cystic Fibrosis Update

Charlie Langlan

Tiffani’s Teens is happy to announce that we have a date and time set for the 3rd annual pasta dinner. It will be held on Friday, May 24, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., at St. Georges Church at 33 Whitfield St. in Guilford CT.

It is a fun-filled evening with food, a silent auction, and people from the community! It’s also a great way to help support Tiffani’s Teens! Tickets are \$10 per person and can be bought at the event or in advance online at: <https://passion.cff.org/tiffanis-teens-pasta-dinner/>

Another fundraising event Tiffani's Teens participates in is the Great Strides Walk, where we raise money and then participate in a 5k. If you would like to join me and the rest of the team in the walk on June 1, 2019 at Pine Grove School in Avon CT, please contact me with any questions! While we are waiting for the walk the team starts fundraising to reach our team goal of \$3,000. I am asking for YOUR support!! I'm asking you to make a donation in support of Tiffani's Teens. There are multiple ways to donate: You can make check payable to 'Cystic Fibrosis Foundation' and give it to me and I will make sure it gets processed properly or you can log onto the following link and follow the directions bellow.

https://fightcf.cff.org/site/SPageServer?pagename=143_gs_landing_page

Click 'Find a Walker'.

Type in 'Charlie' (first name) and 'Langlan' (last name). Then click the blue magnifying glass.

Click 'Donate Now' and follow on screen prompts.

If you have any questions, please call me at 203-824-1282 Thank you, Charlie



Yankee Stadium Bus Trip

Michael Neeley has obtained complementary luxury box tickets to Yankee stadium for their game against the Red Sox, Saturday, August 3rd at 4:05 p.m. Michael is organizing this event, including round trip bus transportation from Christ and The Epiphany Church, leaving at 1:00 p.m.

and returning that evening. He is very kindly offering the luxury box tickets at no charge to his fellow parishioners. Transportation is estimated to be \$30.00 per person and includes snacks. Call Michael at 475-414-6531 or email him at mcnopal_2010@outlook.com for questions and to reserve your place.

Opera Insights Tony Lamberti



As the 2018-2019 Metropolitan Opera season draws to a close this May, there are still a few operas left. One is Wagner's final opera on April 27th best known as "Götterdämmerung". In May Bizet's "The Pearl Fisherman" will be a pre-recorded broadcast. To close the season, the Met is presenting a powerful opera based on the French Revolution and Religion called "The Dialogues des Carmelites" by Francis Poulenc.

In September of 2019 the Metropolitan will open with the production of Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess". Following that in November will be a premiere gala of Philip Glass' "Akhenaten". In January will be Alban Berg's "Wozzeck"

with Peter Matte singing the starring role. Lastly look for Wagner's "The Flying Dutchman" starting in March 2020.

With so many new and exciting productions there are still the beloved ones such as Tosca, Manon Lescaut, and Simon Boccanegra. Check with your local movie theatres and radio broadcasts for a listing of the times and dates.

Enjoy!!!! Take some time this Spring and Summer and go into the city to experience the Opera when the Metropolitan will be offering Sunday matinees. Have a wonderful summer!



- May-5 Pat Walters
- May-8 Audrey Sundwall
- May-11 Diane Villano
- May-13 Judi Randall
- May-20 Geneva O'Donnell



- May-19 Diane & Erick Villano
- May-21 Judy & Ray Clearwater
- May-30 Jill & Tony Lamberti

Intercessory Prayers

Andrew, Beverly W., Bill Hodge, Carol Ude, Carol C., David, Devin K., Diane, Diane V., Dulci, Eileen F., Eleanor N., Faith and Family, Father Eddie, Gale, Geneva,

Goodfellow Family, Greg T.,
Helen, J.D., Jim C., JoAnn &
Victoria, John A., John D.,
Joseph, Judy DeFeo, June W.,

Katherine Burdick, Katrina R.,
Leah S., Lisa, Lucas Sundwall,
Mark Conti, Marjorie Cowles,
Marty, Marty, Matt, Melissa D.,

Rachael, Rich & Judy, Richard,
Salvatore D., Tom Z., Vivian S.

To submit names for the Intercessory Prayers list please call or email the church office. Names will be kept on the list for 3 months unless longer time is requested. If a person you have placed on the list recovers in less than 3 months or passes away, please update the church office.

The deadline for the June 2019 issue of the newsletter is **May 22**. If you have contributions for the newsletter, email: newsletter.christandtheepiphany@gmail.com, or for an update to the Birthday or Anniversary list, please call the church office at 203-467-2310. -

Charlie Langlan & Susan Shultz, Editors

Treasurer Report

Susan Shultz

	MAR	(UNDER)/OVER BUDGET	YTD	(UNDER)/OVER YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$15,506.08	\$8,038.58	\$31,893.20	\$1,025.70
EXPENSES	\$9,333.29	(\$1,364.97)	\$29,096.52	(\$2,670.76)
NET	\$6,172.79	\$9,403.55	\$2,796.68	\$3,696.46

Notes: We are actually quite close to our YTD budget. The biggest difference is an almost \$2,000 savings in snow plowing. Other differences are small amounts in various places that will likely balance out throughout the year.

Worship Schedule

	<u>May 5, 2019</u>	<u>May 12, 2019</u>	<u>May 19, 2019</u>	<u>May 26, 2019</u>
Chalice Bearer	Kristina Langlan	George Coulombe	Steve Langlan	Ron Blevins
Lector	George Coulombe	Kristina Langlan	Audrey Sundwall	Steve Langlan
Usher	Gail Schappa	Audrey Sundwall	Diane Villano	Gail Schappa
Lead Counter	George Coulombe	Astrid Swanson	Kristina Langlan	Susan Shultz
Counter	Ron Blevins	Fred Bowden	Diane Villano	Kristina Langlan